1. I learned that my system can be developed around a generally available multitouch system rather than a proprietary system like a traditional Smart Board. This requires aditional software, but the Oasis product appears to be available on an opensource basis.
2. It is possible to develop an inexpensive sytem that mirrors some of the functionality of more expensive products. Researching the cheaper options demonstrates that there are some very inexpensive and creative opportunities. The trade off is in the software support and the lesson development opportunities.
3. There are more and less sophisticated work arounds for many common hardware problems. Software problems for these downmarket items are potentially more serious though as there is little support, and little in the way of software and drivers.
4. The drivers for many of these products, as well as updated software are available on the manufacturer’s websites, and additionally through download.com.
5. The functionality of certain products like projectors can be measured in the intensity of their output, which is closely linked to the cost. This output is measured in lumens.